

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

This week we formally welcome a new staff member to our office, Gina Tune.

As you know, late last year Mary Ann expressed a desire to go to half-time, opening a part-time position in the office. Applicants had to exhibit proficiency in typing, creative writing, and use of Microsoft's Office Suite (including Access). Gina did exceptionally well on the tests and has been working on a trial basis for several months. I'm delighted to now make it "official."

Gina will work Mondays and Tuesdays and until noon on Wednesdays. Mary Ann will work Wednesday afternoon, Thursdays and Fridays.

With this change, there is also a change in our office email address. From now on it will be office@fallschurch-coc.org. The old address will work until May, but then it will go away.

Most everyone in this congregation receives "Family Life" by email. This week, also attached to that email, is my latest news report from Amazing Grace International and it has the first part of the report on my trip to Vietnam.

Amazing Grace International was begun by me about twenty-five years ago. At first, our mission was simply to teach the Bible through a correspondence course. The course was (and still is) offered nationally in the newspaper USA TODAY. When my father began his work in Vietnam, we took on the task of collecting and administering the money given to send underprivileged children to school there. With his passing last year, my trip this year was to review our work there. We have over 150 children going to school who would not ordinarily have that opportunity. In addition, we have 176 students attending an English tutoring school administered by MuiHoong Lee in Singapore and Body and Soul Ministries in Dallas, Texas. All of this is working to help the Church grow in Vietnam.

Two weeks ago, I told you the story of a little girl I met there who sang all the hymns without looking at her hymn-book. I hope you will read all the attached newsletter, but especially the "rest of the story" about this eight year old on the back page.

Love you all
Mike



What is the Message?

During Sunday Night Live, the Upper Room Teen Ministry has been asking the question "What is the message?" of the music they like. Before we began this series I had the teens and students suggest music and songs they thought were interesting and meaningful. I have taken that list and have been slowly working my way thru it to discover the message. We then reflect on this message from a biblical perspective.

For instance, recently we explored the song "Let it Go" from the movie *Frozen*. We started by simply asking what is the meaning of the song. This is a song about leaving fear and isolation behind and living open and free. Then we looked at it from a biblical perspective. One of the first things we talked about was how the LORD doesn't want us to hide who we are created to be. We also talked about the damage of family secrets. In the movie, Elsa's parents hide her ice bending powers and keep it secret from everyone. Instead of learning to control her powers, Elsa has suppressed them. The suppression broke her relationship with her sister, her parents and even herself. It is not until she gets off alone that she finally is able to let go and discovers how to control and use her abilities.

Unlike a movie, in most families secrets like this destroy people. Those secrets tend to drive people to self medicate or run away. So the biblical response is not to keep family secrets, but to confess these things and allow the light of the LORD to heal the hurt.

Amazing how a song from a movie can lead to such a deep and life changing conversation.

I hope your teen or student is able to attend and learn from the songs around us.

GRACE + PEACE
John B. Lee

Healthy Snack Collection for Bailey's Elementary School Continues

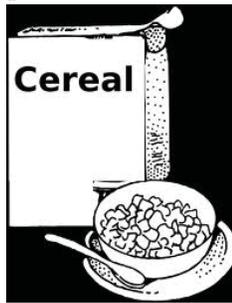
Our annual **Healthy Snack Collection** for children who attend Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences continues through the end of April.

The school, located less than a mile from the Falls Church congregation, has many children whose families struggle to provide the essentials of shelter, food and clothing.

The healthy snacks not only help children develop a taste for healthy food, rather than for junk food, but also help supplement the food and nutrition students receive on school days. The school uses the collected snacks to provide dry, in-school snacks for hungry children, either between breakfast and lunch or before they return home.

Below is a list of recommended snacks that are easy for children to pick up with their fingers, are low in sugar but high in fiber, are **PEANUT-FREE**, and are enriched with vitamins and minerals. The children **DO NOT** use milk with cereal.

Kellogg's:	Crispix or Wheaties
General Mills:	Fiber One, Cheerios, Rice Chex, Wheat Chex, Corn Chex, Multi Grain Cheerios, Total, Kix or Life
Kashi:	GoLean
Quaker:	Oatmeal Squares
Post:	Shredded wheat



2nd Sunday Fellowship Set for Today After the Evening Assembly

The next **2nd Sunday Fellowship** will take place today after the evening assembly. Since this will be a finger food event, each family is asked to bring the following:

- ❖ A tray of sandwiches
- AND**
- ❖ A tray of *hors d'oeuvres*/ fruit or veggie tray with or without dip/chips and dip
- OR**
- ❖ A bite-sized dessert.

Please note that "bite size" is best limited to something you can pick up with your fingers, hence the term "finger food."

The "Fellowship Crew" for the April event will be Group 4, under the leadership of **Abby Smith**, with **Roberto Alvarez, Ruth Amores, ValJean DeLong, Agnes Jones, Janice McDaniel, Oliver McDaniel, Joshua McKay, Kelly Shumate & Anna Souza**.

Talk to **John Reagan** if you would like to join this program.



Congregational Prayer Request for the week of April 13:

Pray for the success of our missionaries

Recardo & Monica Reyes in Cuernavaca, Mexico

Time to Sign Up for the Ladies Lock-in Coming Up April 25-26

With less than two weeks before the Ladies Lock-In, there is only one thing left to do - **SIGN UP!!!**

The Friday night meal will be catered, and **Monica Tune** must have an accurate head count in order to place the correct order. ***So please sign up - pretty please??***

The program will begin on Friday April 25 at 6:30 pm, break later that evening, and resume at 8:45 am on Saturday April 26 with breakfast. Since the program will conclude around noon on Saturday, there won't be a lunch.

And in case you've forgotten since last week, the lock-in will be held at the home of

The theme is "Titus 2:3-5" as follows:

3 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much

wine, but to teach what is good. 4 Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. NIV



There **WILL** of course be guest speakers, and this year they will be our own Falls Church sisters. There will be three presentations, one Friday evening, and two Saturday morning, the first at 9:45 am.

Following the "formal" program on Friday, there will be time for the sisters to enjoy that one commodity that is always in such short supply - the time to "catch up" with other sisters.

Two of our Elders are available after the morning assembly, in room 221 on the main level, to meet with anyone who would like prayer for special concerns.

Easter Egg Hunt Set for Today

The “Easter Bunny” is the “star” attraction for the **Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by the **Young Professionals Group** from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. All members, all ages, are invited to attend and join the hunt!

If you plan to attend, please advise the group so they will have sufficient eggs. The contacts include **Brandon Durant, Clark Richardson, Ashley Shelton, Bobby Wilkinson** and **Daniel Williams**.

Contributions of eggs are appreciated. Please give plastic eggs already stuffed with candies or sweets to any of the group listed above or drop them at the table in the lobby.



Vacation Bible School 2014 Meeting Set for April 27

A brief informational meeting for the **2014 Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, R. 121, after the morning assembly.

Kelly Shumate, director, invites anyone who is interested in learning more about the program for this year.

VBS is set for Friday night August 8 and Saturday morning August 9.



Welcome Our Newest Members

Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua

Pedro & Mireya Batres have served in the mission fields since 1969. He is a native of El Salvador and a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX. His wife Mireya, a native of Nicaragua, holds a degree in social service. They worked in Nicaragua until moving to Guatemala in 1985, returning to Nicaragua in 2000. He is an evangelist in Managua, the capital city, and the surrounding areas, plus he is a popular guest speaker at special programs such as seminars, retreats and workshops. Mireya is a popular guest lecturer at women's events, especially pertaining to marriage and the family.



Nueva Libia Congregation Celebrates 13th Anniversary and Installation of New Leaders in Special Worship Service February 16, 2014



(left to right above), missionary **Pedro S. Batres**, now an elder of "Nueva Libia;" **Daniel Aragón**, one of the Bible teachers; **Hamlet Aragón**, another elected biblical teacher, **Rommel Aragón**, elected as one of the evangelists; **Roberto Aragón**, another elder for "Nueva Libia." Bro. Roberto is the father of Daniel, Hamlet and Rommel. The other two congregations in Managua are "Villa Alemania" and "Yuri Ordoñez."



(left to right above) **Julio César González**, an elder of the "Villa Alemania" congregation; **Pedro Salvador Batres**, long-time missionary; **Roberto Aragón**, another elder at "Nueva Libia;" **Ramón Rocha**, the other elder at "Villa Alemania." The Villa Alemania elders visited "Nueva Libia" for the special ceremony.



The "Nueva Libia" congregation (photo above) now has four elders (two were appointed in December and two more in February); six deacons; nine Bible teachers; and two local evangelists.

Pedro Batres, longtime missionary and now elder, is shown at the far right in front. Pedro asks us to "Please pray for each one of us in this new duty, and thanks for the prayers you have offered thus far." "Nueva Libia" is the first congregation that **Pedro** (front row, far right), his wife **Mireya**, and close friend **Roberto Aragón** helped to establish in Managua, Nicaragua.

General Information

For Children:

- ❖ An attended nursery and a nursing mother's room - located adjacent to the Assembly Center - are available during our assembly.
- ❖ For ages 2 through Pre-Kindergarten, Children's Worship is conducted in rooms 223 & 221. Children are dismissed following communion.

Recordings:

Recordings of sermons at Falls Church are available for no charge on our website after about four days.

Assistive Listening System:

Personal sound receivers are available for hearing enhancement in our Assembly Center. Our ushers will be happy to supply one of these aids for your convenience upon request.

Nursery Attendants

April 13, 2014

Morning

Joanne Carter
Kathie Truitt

Evening

Kelly Shumate

April 20, 2014

Morning

Angela E-Hayes
Patty Woods

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

April 13, 2014

2/3 Allison McKay, Anna Souza
P-K Jessi Arevalo, Carol Alvarez

April 20, 2014

2/3 Abby Smith, Lori Kobs
P-K Leah Durant, Mandy Scandlen

Worship Today, April 13, 2014

Hymn #230

Worthy Art Thou

Hymn #997

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Prayer

Rick Schneider

Hymn #288

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn #313

The Old Rugged Cross

Communion/Collection

Oliver McDaniel

Hymn #590

Jesus Is All the World to Me

(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)

Bible Reading (*Matthew 16:24-26*)

Luis Reyes

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #409

Savior, Lead Me

Announcements

Steve Dasher

Introduction of Visitors

Brandon Durant

Closing Prayer

Curtis Madeley

Song Leader

Joseph Tucker

Ushers

Joshua McKay, Jonah Shumate



Clark Richardson will lead singing this evening;

Kelvin Hatcher & Bobby Wilkinson will lead the prayers.

April servers are: Jose Arevalo, Matt Bensky,

Frank Estes, Caleb Mayfield, Geosh Saxton, Jay Truitt

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:30 am
Morning Assembly 10:30 am
Evening Assembly 6:00 pm

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class 10:15 am
(October through April)

Wednesday

7:15 pm

Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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Elders

Steve Dasher Wayne Doran
Bill Kincaid Jim Lane
Oliver McDaniel Joseph Tucker

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo
Ben Bohannon Brian Collins
Brandon Durant Ignacio Espinoza
Perry May Joshua McKay
Scott Mills John Reagan
Saul Reyes Wilfredo Reyes
Hal Swetnam Jonah Shumate
Kevin Thie John Waterston
Ken Yeatman Habtu Zemech

Missionaries

Kevin & Deanna Amores, Concepción, Chile
Gary & Sue Babcock, Kent County, RI
Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua
Henry & Rosa Gutierrez, Nicaragua
Gene & Janice Luna, WBI/Guatemala
Recardo & Monica Reyes, Cuemavaca, MX
Don & Esther Roarabaugh, Torrington, CT
Mike Tune, Amazing Grace International
Jay & Piera Young, Italy & Ukraine
Habtu Zemech, My Neighbors, Ethiopia

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
Josh Byrd, *Youth Minister*
Mary Ann Kincaid, *Secretary*

Statistics

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Bible Study 205
Morning Assembly No Count
Evening Assembly No Count
Contribution \$11,690
YTD Average \$12,557
Budget Goal \$12,709

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Classes & Online 80

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Prayer - John Reagan

Song Leader - Andrew McDaniel